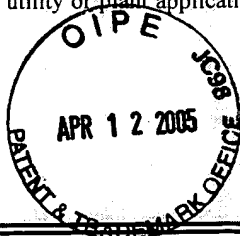


**REQUEST FOR
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TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.



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Application Number	10/649,746
Filing Date	August 28, 2003
First Named Inventor	Fukashi HARADA
Group Art Unit	2811
Name of Examiner	Ori Nadav
Attorney Docket No.	031071

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

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Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted:
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on: _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on: _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Enclosed
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| ii. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP |
| iii. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) | |
| iv. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other: Petition for Extension of Time | |

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Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,360.00 is enclosed.

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ii.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - (\$570.00)
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- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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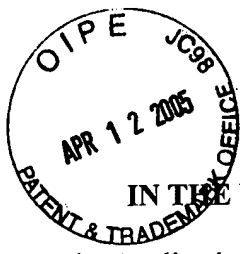
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For: **MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
INCLUDING AN ANISOTROPIC ETCHING STEP**

Attorney Docket Number: **031071**

Customer Number: **38834**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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April 12, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 12, 2004, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114, noting that the present Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend of the present application as listed below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.